



## **Spring Newsletter 2024**

Message from Katie (Assistant Head): This term we had our first Ofsted Inspection and we are pleased to announce that we are now recognised as a 'Good' School with 'Outstanding' features in Behaviour and Attitudes. Well done to the students that sat exams in January and congratulations to Ruben who was appointed as a permanent teacher and we want to wish Lauren good luck on her maternity leave. Special thanks to those who have kindly donated or fundraised for our minibus appeal: Rotary Club, Leo (parent) who is running a 50k ultramarathon, Toureen Contractors and Bobby (Parent). Have a lovely Easter break and time celebrating Eid.







Message from Jupiter class: This term, learners took part in an array of exciting and fun-filled learning activities to develop independent living skills, with our students continuing to take part in our weekly shopping trips to the local community to purchase the ingredients for our Food Tech lessons. Our class have also had the opportunity to further explore our community by visiting the Northolt Rugby Club and St Mary's University for 3 SEND workshops and GSK visited during Science week. Some of our learners have also had the opportunity to attend a musical directed by the Hamilton Theatre Production in Central London. Besides trips, lots of active learning has taken place in Jupiter



Class. In Maths, we continued to work on a number of concepts, with a large emphasis to have been placed on fractions. In English, we looked at the history of Red Nose Day, World Poetry Day and World Book Day. Our learners took part in a short-term project during which they did their own research about their favourite book and following this, they were encouraged to present their work in front of the rest of the class. Finally, we are thrilled to share that some of our learners have successfully passed their English and Maths exams! We are all looking forward to more exciting learning opportunities next term!



Message from Neptune Class: This Spring term, students from Neptune class have been taking part in a range of exciting activities in and out of the classroom. In addition to their literacy and numeracy sessions at school, they have continued with their travel training and community trips to local shops such as Lidl and

Morrison's where they bought a list of ingredients for their cooking sessions. They have learnt how to make a variety of dishes including pizzas which they really enjoyed! Finally, the highlight of this term has been a trip to Victoria Palace Theatre in central London, to watch Hamilton, the musical. Students then had the opportunity to go backstage with a theatre guide and other members of the theatre staff team to visit the stage, have a look at the props, costumes and lighting





for the show. An unforgettable experience that students thoroughly enjoyed! Well done Neptune for all your hard work and commitment this term!

Message from Saturn Class: In February, BEE (Business Education Events) took us to take part in a 'Bus Day' with TFL and the Metropolitan Police. This day was an immersive experience and used actors and police staff to teach our students valuable lessons of what to do in situations they may encounter on public transport. We took a journey on the bus and actors came on board pretending to be difficult passengers and presented our students with challenging situations. Everyone enjoyed the day, especially the donuts at the end!



This term we worked with **Volunteering Matters** with the objective of helping the community and bringing people together, this year we focused on mental-health and a project that could help with this issue. The students put together their different ideas for a project and made strong cases for each of them. In the end we came up with **Darcy Turner**, an artist who works with students to make impressive wire sculptures.

Earlier this Month we took part in a project planting trees hosted by **Northolt Rugby Club**. It was lovely to engage with our local community and working outside was very good for everybody's mental health. We planted well over 300 trees as a team and our help was greatly appreciated. This term our Enrichment class have been learning how to upcycle our rubbish into new and exciting things. As a class we chose to make robots and used wood, old screws and scrap metal to make some amazing robotic creations.

**Message from Mercury Class:** It has been another exciting term. We celebrated LGBTQ+ History Month promoting inclusion and diversity. For **Comic relief**, Red Nose Day students joined an online assembly, sharing jokes and spreading lots of laughter

around. Thank you to everyone that donated towards the cause. We raised approx. £200 across our both sites, which is amazing! We also celebrated World Book Day. In Mercury class, we decorated our classroom door with characters from students' book of choice "Toy Story". This term, we continued accessing our local community, during our weekly shopping sessions, promoting students' road awareness and

developing their travel skills. Students were learning to make a shopping list and they were very excited using the local bus to go to the supermarket to shop for ingredients. Students in Mercury Class have also participated in weekly cooking lessons, learning how to make pizza, muffins and oatmeal biscuits (incl. gluten free options).

Message from Job Coach: The Spring term has been busy for the students, they have enjoyed several workshops with 'golivetheatre' where they learnt about the different jobs and roles within a theatre setting. They had a fun mentorship day where the student's got to interview 15 different mentors ranging from a Met Police Murder Detective, Music Producer, Sweet Science Boxing Coach and many more in preparation for their upcoming work experience week.

I'd also like to Congratulate Jacob and Estine for receiving their **Jack Petchey Awards**, we look forward to more awards in the future.

**Friends of Springhallow:** We would like to reach out to parents to join Friends of Springhallow to represent Post 16 and support with us any events and fundraising. Please express interest to Katie or email <a href="mailto:Post16@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk">Post16@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk</a>















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